

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

MAY 27, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Billy E. Traylor, Commissioners Jerry W. Barnes, Nathan Peters Jr, Carmen L. McLemore, and Bill Williams.

Others present were: County Attorney Tim McFarland, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kayla Duke, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Human Resource Director Denise Manuel, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Health Department Supervisor Doug Kent, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, Planner David Richardson, G.A.C. Contractor Andrew Rowell, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, County Extension Agent Roy Lee Carter, Road Department Supervisor Bobby Knee, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Impact Fee Committee Member Patricia Hardman, and Sheriff Joe Nugent.

Sheriff Joe Nugent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., E.T.

Planner David Richardson opened with prayer and Commissioner Peters led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Peters motioned to approve the following Consent Agenda items. Planner Richardson requested that pages 35 and 37 be removed from the Consent Agenda for public hearing. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda after pulling pages 35 and 37, and it passed unanimously.

1. Contract - Mosquito Control Contract
2. Grant Application- Solid Waste Grant Request
3. Invoice - Florida Department of Revenue Reimbursement Invoice (\$11,630.30) * Unemployment Benefits.
 - G.A.C. Contractors - Gulf County Road Bond Bid #0607-11 (#5580 * \$118,347.90 Account #41441-)
 - G.A.C. Contractors - Cape San Blas Shared Use (Bike) Path Phase II Bid #0607-22 (#5578 * \$257,146.18 * Account #40341-34000)
 - G.A.C. Contractors - Cape San Blas Shared Use (Bike)

Path Phase II Bid #0607-22 (Partial Retainage * \$26,402.13 *
Account # 40341-34000)

- Manson Construction Company - St. Joseph Peninsula
Erosion Control Project - Bid #0607-34 (Pay Request #2
*\$1,463,751.60 Account #43137-31000)

- MRD Associates -St. Joseph Peninsula Erosion
Control Project/Sea Turtle and Shorebird Monitoring
Program Bid #0607-34 (#1110 * \$92,718.58 *
Account #43137-31000)

- MRD Associates - St. Joseph Peninsula Erosion Control
Project Bid #0607-34 (#1111 * \$126,320.08 *
Account #43137-31000)

- Preble-Rish, Inc. - Five Points Permit Renewal and
Modification (#76552 * \$1,155.00 *
Account #46234-31000)

- Tax Collector - Cancel Tax Certificate
Parcel ID# 01517 -004R (\$445.76)

4. Inventory - Wewa Ambulance Service Donation of Rescue Truck

5. Landfill - Request to Waive Landfill Fees to G.A.C. for Overstreet
CDBG and Cape San Blas Bike Path Projects

6. Ordinance - School Facilities Element
(DELETED) (Exhibit A, B, and C on File in Clerk's Office)

7. Plan - Debris Management Plan

- Water Supply Plan
(DELETED) (Complete Copy of Plan on File in Clerk's Office)

8. Resolution 2008-03
Authorizing a Grant Application with FWC for White
City Boat Landing Facility Bulkhead

(End of Consent Agenda)

INVOICE 5599/G.A.C./LAKE GROVE ROAD PROJECT

Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky requested the approval of Invoice #5599 from G.A.C. Contractors, in the amount of \$128,104.53 for the Lake Grove Road Project, to be paid from SCOP grant funds. Commissioner Barnes motioned to approve the invoice. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING/SCHOOL FACILITIES ELEMENT

County Attorney Tim McFarland announced a public hearing for an ordinance to adopt a School Facilities element into the Gulf County Comprehensive Plan and amending the Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvements element; Intergovernmental Coordination element; and the Comprehensive Plan Map Series. Attorney McFarland read the notice and called for public comment. Planner David Richardson stated that complete copies of details are available in the planning department. Commissioner McLemore motioned for the Board to adopt the following ordinance. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2008-08

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A SCHOOL FACILITIES ELEMENT INTO THE GULF COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT; INTERGOVERNMENTAL COODINATION ELEMENT; AND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP SERIES.

<Complete Ordinance on File in Clerk's Office>

PUBLIC HEARING/WATER SUPPLY PLAN

Attorney McFarland presented the Gulf County Proposed Water Supply Plan to evaluate Gulf County water resources and facilities per the requirements that were mandated by the 2005 Florida Legislature under Senate Bill 360. There was no public comment. Commissioner Barnes motioned for the Board to approve the Water Supply Plan. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

<Complete Plan on File in Clerk's Office>

PUBLIC HEARING - P.D.R.B. RECOMMENDATIONS (10/16/07)

The Board then considered the following recommendation from the May 20, 2008 meeting of the Planning & Development Review Board:

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider approval of a Variance for - Sarabia Tiller - Parcel ID #03499-055R in Section 6, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida (Overstreet) -3" encroachment into side setback. County Attorney McFarland read the recommendation and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the variance. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider approval for small scale map amendment - Larry and Treasure Waites - Parcel ID #1519-335R in section 10, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida (Stone Mill Creek) - changing Residential to Mixed Commercial/Residential for home base business. County Attorney McFarland read the recommendation and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the amendment. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider correction to the Variance

granted to Salty Ventures LLC, due to surveyor errors - Parcel ID #06269-985R in Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - 2 ½ feet encroachment into side setbacks next to a pedestrian access easement. County Attorney McFarland read the recommendation and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the correction. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION/PROPERTY EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

Attorney McFarland read a Resolution to exchange with the St. Joe Company those certain lands as set forth on the Real Estate Exchange Agreement, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein, and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to adopt the following Resolution. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-04

WHEREAS, Gulf County, Florida desire to enter into an exchange agreement concerning the exchange of property owned by Gulf County, Florida for certain private lands within Gulf County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, Gulf County is the owner in fee simple of certain lands containing approximately 40 acres more or less, and

WHEREAS, the St. Joe Company is the owner in fee simple of certain lands consisting of a 30 acre more or less tract, an 80 acre more or less tract and a 53.8 acre more or less tract of land lying and being situated in Gulf County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, Gulf County, Florida, holds and possess certain real property not needed for county purposes and that such property may be to the best interest of the county exchanged for other real property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby exchanges with the St. Joe Company those certain lands as set forth on the attached Real Estate Exchange Agreement pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein.

Adopted this 27th day of May, by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners.

(End)

ORDINANCE 2008-09/HEALTH CHECK/PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

Attorney McFarland read ordinance #2008-09 to grant property tax exemption to TOZ, LLC (HEALTH CHECK), for a period of ten years. Attorney McFarland requested the Board's permission to advertise the ordinance. Commissioner Williams motioned to do so. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2008-09

AN ORDINANCE OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA GRANTING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS TO TOZ, LLC, d/b/a HEALTH CHECK, SETTING FORTH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE NEW BUSINESS FOR WHICH THE EXEMPTION IS GRANTED, ESTABLISHING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY FROM AD VALOREM SOURCES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE LOST TO THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BY VIRTUE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION CURRENTLY IN EFFECT, AND STATING THE ESTIMATED REVENUE LOST TO THE COUNTY FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO TOZ, LLC, d/b/a HEALTH CHECK, EXEMPTION, MAKING A FINDING THAT TOZ, LLC, d/b/a HEALTH CHECK, MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 196 AND GULF COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2000-02, GRANTING A TAX ABATEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVE YEAR OF THE ORDINANCE, ESTABLISHING A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) AD VALOREM TAX ABATEMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TOZ, LLC, d/b/a HEALTH CHECK, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

<Complete Ordinance on File in Clerk's Office>

INMATE WORK RELEASE PROGRAM

Attorney McFarland stated that he has been in correspondence with Chief Administrator Butler concerning the current work release program for the County Jail, and the need to establish a formal set of rules and regulations for inmates that are allowed to participate in that program. McFarland stated that he has prepared a resolution to establish these regulations, and will submit it for review in the next consent agenda. Chairman Traylor inquired if the Judge and Jail Administrator Denny Durbin had approved it. Attorney McFarland stated that the judge has approved it, and Mr. Durbin and the Sheriff will be reviewing it.

COURTHOUSE ROOF

Building Official Lee Collinsworth informed the Board that he signed off on the completion of the Courthouse roof today, and it looks much better. Chairman Traylor agreed. Commissioner Williams inquired about the possibility of billing the construction company for water that was used on the project.

WHITE CITY BOAT RAMP/INVOICES

Collinsworth discussed areas on the White City Boat Ramp that presented safety issues and needed immediate repair. He requested approval of two invoices, under the bid amount, in the amounts of \$2,415.00 and \$2,125.00, (to be paid from FBIP funds). Commissioner Williams motioned to pay the invoices. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WHITE CITY BOAT RAMP/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Collinsworth stated that the White City Boat Ramp is still in need of repair, and requested the Board's permission to prepare an RFP for the Boat Ramp. Commissioner McLemore motioned to allow Collinsworth to advertise for bids for White City Boat Ramp repairs. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AMERICUS AVENUE DITCH PIPE INSTALLATION PROJECT/BID#0708-01

Chief Administrator Don Butler stated that he needs the Board's permission to purchase more pipes for the Americus Avenue Ditch Pipe Installation project. Butler discussed that there have been mistakes in the calculations concerning how many pipes are needed, but there are unneeded materials that can be returned and refunded to partially cover the cost. Butler stated that the additional cost should be around \$16,810.37. He further stated that Commissioner Williams has \$15,450.56 left over in District 3 Road Bond Funds, and requested the Board's permission to purchase additional pipes. Commissioner Williams motioned to utilize the remaining funds in his district to purchase the pipes. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FORT PIERCE WATERFRONT TERMINALS/ST. JOE COMPANY

Administrator Butler recommended a letter be sent to the St. Joe Company requesting that they allow Fort Pierce Waterfront Terminals, Inc. to temporarily locate at the St. Joe Company bulkhead. Butler stated that, with the Board's permission, the Chairman will sign the letter, and it will be sent to the St. Joe Company. Chairman Traylor stated that it looks very promising. Commissioner McLemore motioned to send the letter. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

<Clerk Norris entered the meeting>

EDC FUNDING/BUDGET AMENDMENT

Administrator Butler discussed possible funding for the EDC, stating that \$10,000.00 could be taken from Port St. Joe Downtown Redevelopment Agency Line Item (22652-83000). Commissioner Peters motioned to approve \$10,000.00 funding for EDC, amending the General Fund budget by reducing the Port St. Joe Downtown Redevelopment Agency line item (22652-8200), and increasing County Development: other current charges and obligations/EDC (27152-49000). Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WHITE CITY BOAT RAMP/FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Administrator Butler stated that the White City Boat Ramp Project will be paid from the FBIP funds.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAND AND LOTS/BID#0708-20

Administrator Butler stated that they received two proposals for Bid#0708-20 for Affordable Housing Land and Lots. White City Partners, LLC and Taunton Development both bid on the project, but only White City Partners, LLC met the location requirements. Commissioner McLemore motioned to award Bid# 0708-20 to White City Partners, in the amount of \$29,500 per lot. Attorney McFarland informed the Board that the lots would be deeded to the County at the time of purchase, but could later be changed to a Land Trust or other form of Affordable Housing, should they desire. Commissioner Williams discussed

the need to move forward with the land trust terms and conditions, and seconded the motion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters, Administrator Butler confirmed the bid was awarded to the lowest bidder. The motion then passed unanimously.

PROPOSAL/SURVEY WORK/PREBLE-RISH, INC.

Administrator Butler submitted a proposal from Preble-Rish, in the amount of \$29,550.00, for survey work that has to be done before the property exchange with the St. Joe Company takes place. Chairman Traylor called for discussion. Attorney McFarland stated that pursuant to the agreement with St. Joe Company, the County must provide the survey, and the St. Joe Company will reimburse 50% of the cost once completed. Commissioner Peters motioned to accept the proposal. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ENGINEERING PROPOSAL/PREBLE-RISH, INC./IOLA ROAD/ROAD BOND PROJECT BID #0607-11

Administrator Butler discussed a \$75,000.00 engineering proposal from Preble-Rish, Inc., for the preliminary construction engineering and inspection, for the Iola Road project. Chairman Traylor stated that it had already been agreed upon that they pay this project from Road Bond funds. Commissioner McLemore motioned to accept the proposal. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

INVOICE/PREBLE-RISH, INC./ROAD BOND PROJECT/BID #0607-11

Administrator Butler recommended that the Board pay invoice to Preble-Rish, Inc., in the amount of \$60,593.00, contingent upon Road Department Supervisor Bobby Knee's approval. Mr. Knee stated that it will be contingent upon the City Manager signing off on it. Michael Hammond, of Preble-Rish, Inc. stated that the invoice is the design fee for Change Order #12 that the Board approved at the previous regular meeting. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve payment of the invoice, contingent upon the City Manager signing off on it. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

County Extension Agent Roy Lee Carter appeared before the Board to request funding for a summer camp program that is to be held June 16 through August 1, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Wewahitchka, at the Honeyville Community Center. Mr. Carter discussed the purpose and activities of the program. Road Department Supervisor Bobby Knee inquired what would be done if the Center was already reserved. Commissioner McLemore stated that Mr. Carter would be willing to move the camp to a different location for the day, should that be required. Mr. Carter stated that the Department of Education will be providing meals for the children, and the cost will be approximately \$18,000.00. Carter stated that they are expecting to receive funding from the State, but requested permission to borrow money from the County until that funding is received. Chairman Traylor stated that Mr. Carter needs to speak with the Clerk's office to work out the details. Commissioner Williams inquired if they can have documentation from the D.O.E. Commissioner McLemore inquired how the building will be cleaned each day. Mr. Carter discussed possibly having inmates clean the building. Chairman Traylor stated that they will speak with the Clerk's office, and then come back with a vote. Mr. Carter also discussed the possibility of receiving a feasibility grant from the DuPont Foundation.

HURRICANE SEASON

Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson appeared before the Board, and informed the public that Hurricane Season is beginning next week. Mr. Nelson stated that a website titled [www.hurricane.com](#) is a good resource for emergency planning, in case of a hurricane. Mr. Nelson stated that the County now has two Hurricane Shelters open (Honeyville Community Center and Wewahitchka Middle School). Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore, Nelson confirmed that the Red Cross will come in and operate the shelters in the event of a hurricane, and discussed the importance of having public volunteers.

UNION ARBITRATION

Human Resource Director Denise Manuel informed the Board that she received the Union Arbitration document, and stated that the grievance was denied, in the favor of the Board.

STUMPHOLE PROJECT

Upon inquiry from Chairman Traylor, Warren Yeager of Preble-Rish, Inc., appeared before the Board to give an update on the rock replacement at the Stumphole. Yeager reported that the permit process will be expedited and submitted to DEP within 30 days.

HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Sheriff Joe Nugent stated that there were not any accidents over the holiday weekend. Sheriff Nugent discussed the need to watch for kids in the community, because school will be out next week.

MOSQUITO CONTROL/TIRE REMOVAL

Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran discussed that a potential breeding site at an old tire shop had been brought to their attention and, upon investigation, found that 90% of the tires contained larva and adult mosquitoes. Cothran stated that Commissioner McLemore informed him of another commercial business where there were tires stock piled. Cothran stated that after meeting with the City of Wewahitchka's Code Enforcement Officer and discovering that it could be three months before anything could be resolved, he and Solid Waste Director Danford had the tires removed due to the severity of the infestation and residential location. Commissioner McLemore moved to have tires removed on a one time basis. Chairman Traylor and Commissioner Williams stated that commercial business owners should pay for disposal of their tires. Discussion continued regarding an ordinance or policy that would regulate, enforce, and/or charge for the removal of tires when a public health and safety hazard is identified. Attorney McFarland stated that the County does have an ordinance regarding public nuisances on property, but reminded the Board that this problem is in the jurisdiction of the City of Wewahitchka and suggested they speak to the City regarding their ability to enforce County ordinances in their jurisdiction. Chairman Traylor agreed this would be an appropriate first step. Commissioner McLemore withdrew his motion.

MOSQUITO CONTROL/COUNTY DITCHES

Mosquito Control Director Cothran updated the Board on the progress of work done on ditches in the County that contained stagnant water. Cothran stated that they have been working with the Road Department, and they have done a significant amount of work to aid Mosquito Control in reducing the opportunities for mosquitoes to breed in ditches.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Commissioner McLemore stated that the current process for controlling mosquitoes is not working for him. McLemore referenced the Mosquito Control Activity report for April and stated that District I had only 27 hours of spraying, with the remaining hours spent on maintenance, larvacide, and surveillance. McLemore discussed the mosquito control budgets and how they have increased significantly over the years, but felt there was less coverage. Commissioner McLemore questioned Cothran about whether the law had changed so much that it required more surveillance and less spraying. Cothran responded that the law had changed and surveillance involves more than just counting mosquitoes. Upon inquiry by Chairman Traylor concerning how many hours are needed on surveillance, Cothran stated that there is not a set amount of hours, but according to the law, has to be done regardless of how many hours it takes. Cothran stated that he directs his employees when to spray and it is not based on phone calls, but on science. Cothran reported a dramatic decrease of the mosquito population over the past two months. Commissioner McLemore stated that the only issue with the public is that they want to see the mosquito truck spraying. Cothran stated that the report Commissioner McLemore referenced does not represent districts as a whole, but specific zones within districts and that spraying is done at the optimum times, even on weekends when necessary. McLemore stated that the current process is not working for him, and he has to have the spray. Commissioner Williams stated that you either have to trust the science and decision making that Mr. Cothran makes, or not. Commissioner McLemore stated that there was a twelve day gap where no spraying was done in District I. Mr. Cothran stated that he does not see how a twelve day gap could be possible. Chairman Traylor stated that they need to sit down and look at some logic, and reach a conclusion.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING/AIR FORCE

Tim Stein of Overstreet approached the Board and stated that he has corresponded with Congressman Boyd regarding the possibility of the Air Force spraying the entire county and requested Board approval to continue working with the Congressman. Stein stated that he is requesting \$100,000.00 (\$90,000.00 to spray the entire County three times, and \$10,000.00 for spraying dog flies on the beach). Chairman Traylor encouraged him to continue dialog with the Congressman Boyd's office. Stein stated that one application of spray would result in a decrease of 95% in the mosquito population. Solid Waste Director Danford stated that the \$30,000.00 Stein spoke of for one application would only cover the spraying of avenues/areas where people live, not the entire County. Mr. Stein stated that he was under a different impression, and will continue researching the matter.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Planner David Richardson stated that the School Facilities Ordinance and the Water Supply Plan, which the Board approved earlier in the meeting, will be part of the development review process.

SLUDGE COMMITTEE

Commissioner McLemore stated that they received a renewal permit from the Sludge Committee, which includes a revision to an Ordinance regarding the Sludge Committee. Attorney McFarland requested the Board's permission to begin advertising the Ordinance. Commissioner McLemore stated that the purpose of the ordinance is to protect the cities. Commissioner McLemore motioned to allow Attorney McFarland to advertise the ordinance. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CAPE SAN BLAS LIGHTHOUSE

Commissioner Barnes stated that the Board received a plaque for the Cape San Blas Lighthouse Restoration project, and presented it to Chairman Traylor.

RETIRED EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Peters stated that former employee of the County, Castldera Watts, requested that Mr. Peters thank the Board, on his behalf, for the opportunity to work for the County.

ROAD BOND PROJECT/CHANGE ORDER REQUEST/BID #0607-11

Commissioner Peters requested Michael Hammond, of Preble-Rish, Inc. to prepare a change order for work to be done on Apollo Street.

ST. JOE NATURAL GAS/AMERICUS AVENUE DITCH PROJECT - PIPE INSTALLATION

Commissioner Peters informed the Board that a letter was received from St. Joe Natural Gas Company regarding the pipe installation process, stating that Bailey & Sons, Diversified, Inc. have been responsible for cutting 10 of their gas lines. Commissioner Peters further discussed the procedure that requires lines to be marked prior to excavation. Solid Waste Danford confirmed this process that is regulated in Chapter 556 of Florida Statute and stated that excavators must contact Sunshine State One-Call of Florida, Inc. at least 2 full business days before beginning any excavation or demolition so the utility company can properly mark their underground lines. Commissioner Peters stated that it is a serious problem to cut the gas lines, bury them, and not notify the gas company. Commissioner Williams discussed that this is not a County issue, as they are private contractors, but recommended that the Board send a letter to Mr. Bailey requesting an explanation. Commissioner Peters motioned to send a letter to Bailey and Sons, Diversified, Inc. as recommended by Commissioner Williams. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and there being no objection, the motion passed. Administrator Butler said that he had spoken to Mr. Stewart Shoaf of St. Joe Natural Gas Co., Inc. and stated that the work they (Bailey and Sons) are doing is at the City of Port St. Joe's request. Discussion continued between the Board and County Staff regarding the possibility of requiring underground utility lines be buried deeper, creating G.I.S. maps with locations of all the lines, and drafting an ordinance with specific requirements on locations of underground lines.

ST. JOE NATURAL GAS RATE INCREASE

Chairman Traylor referenced a St. Joe Natural Gas Bulletin proposing a 36% rate increase in natural gas and stated that he objects to this increase. Chairman Traylor passed the Chair to Commissioner Peters and motioned to formally object to this increase to the Florida Public Service Commission. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1, with Commissioner Williams objecting, stating that this is not a County issue and it would only be fair to speak to Mr. Shoaf first. Chairman Peters returned the Chair to Commissioner Traylor.

FUEL PRICES

Commissioner Williams requested the Board's permission to look at the fuel consumption expenditure strategies with Administrator Butler. Chairman Traylor stated that he thinks that would be beneficial.

HIGHLAND VIEW SEWER SYSTEM DEADLINE

Commissioner Williams stated that he would like to have discussion to clarify a motion that he made in the May 13, 2008 meeting, regarding financial assistance for the Highland View citizens who had not yet paid their tap fees in full, contingent upon the agreement that they will pay back the money that is borrowed from County funds. Commissioner Williams stated that it was his intention to use a portion of the Beaches \$2 million from DEP to pay the balance, and give a list to the Clerk's office by May 31, 2008, of the people who needed this assistance. Commissioner Williams motioned for the Board's approval to utilize those funds. Commissioner McLemore stated that he is not comfortable with it. Commissioner Williams explained that the reason for this is that the City has not remained consistent in their deadlines, and stated that they will not have their sewer systems hooked up until they have paid back the County. Commissioner McLemore inquired if it would be better to go to the City. Commissioner Williams stated that he has gone to the City, and the City is not being fair. Williams stated that he will make sure that he has proper documentation to ensure that they will pay the County back. Chairman Traylor inquired if they could pay their tap fees, legally. Administrator Butler confirmed that it could. Commissioner McLemore discussed that these people have had over a year to pay the fees to the City, and they haven't. Commissioner Williams stated that they have tried to pay and the City wouldn't let them. Chairman Traylor inquired of Williams how he could assure the Board that they will get the money back. Williams stated that they won't be hooked up until they have paid. Chairman Traylor inquired if they could get a legal document stating that these people are required to pay the money back. Attorney McFarland stated that he does not know at this point. Attorney McFarland inquired about a \$2 million dollar loan with the City, and whether or not this is the same money. Commissioner Williams stated that it was, and discussed not releasing that money to the City until they agree to extend the deadline. Commissioner Williams stated that the issue is that the City did not stick to the agreement, and the people of Highland View do not deserve to have to pay the \$7,000.00 hook up fee, when the original fee was only \$500.00. Commissioner McLemore stated that they cannot take a chance with grant funds. Chairman Traylor inquired if Building Official Lee Collinsworth had tried to sign up and pay, and if he encountered problems with that. Commissioner Williams motioned to hold the \$2 million dollar Beaches grant money from the City, until they agree to extend the deadline. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

HIGHLAND VIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Williams stated that he has been working with St. Joe Company regarding the possibility of the Highland View Fire Department upgrading their facility, and working on a land exchange agreement with the City between properties that are connected to Cape Palms Park, but he has been unsuccessful. Commissioner Williams motioned for the Board's permission to go out for an appraisal for a lot that is adjacent to the current building. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FRANCHISE CONTRACT/MEDIACOM

Chairman Traylor inquired if the County has a franchise contract with Mediacom. Commissioner Williams stated that they do. Chairman Traylor stated that the Board would like to have a meeting with them.

FEMA PROPERTY

Chairman Traylor inquired of Attorney McFarland if the Board had the ability to sale FEMA property that the County owns. Attorney McFarland stated that they cannot.

MEMORIAL DAY

Chairman Traylor recognized all those who have served in the Armed Forces, and expressed the need to show gratefulness to them on Memorial Day.

IMPACT FEE COMMITTEE

Pat Hardman, chair of the Impact Fee Committee, appeared and reported that the purpose of the Impact Fee Committee was to review projects submitted for conformity to the ordinance for impact fees, and requested the Board's approval of the Committee's stated purpose. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COASTAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Pat Hardman reported that the Coastal Community Association is having their annual meeting June 21, 2008, and invited the Board to attend.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAVINGS

Health Department Administrator Doug Kent discussed Health Department savings they have had, since they increased the fees of certain services.

NATURAL GAS RATE INCREASE

Jerry Stein appeared before the Board and discussed the increase of gas prices, stating that he had heard from people who work for gas companies, that the 36% increase spoken of earlier in the meeting was a result of many properties transferring from gas to electric, and the gas company only expected to receive half of that increase.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting then did adjourn at 7:59 p.m., E.T.

**BILLY E. TRAYLOR
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

REBECCA L. NORRIS

CLERK